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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with J. Michael Schiff on June 30, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 38, line 2, delete the term [Matrigel^R basement membrane matrix] and insert therein "a soluble preparation from Engelbreth-Holm-Swarm tumor cells that gels at room temperature to form a reconstituted basement membrane".

In claim 53, line 3 delete the term [pPS] and insert "hES" therein.

The amendment to claim 38 is being made to delete a trademarked term, that raises issues under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and is amended to recite more generic terminology as set forth in the specification on page 15, lines 18-19. The amendment to claim 53 is being made for consistency and clarity making the appropriate antecedent basis for the specific cell type being used in the claimed method.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (571) 272-0739.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ram Shukla, can be reached at (571) 272-0735.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group analyst Dianiece Jacobs whose telephone number is (571) 272-0532.

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